

REMARKS

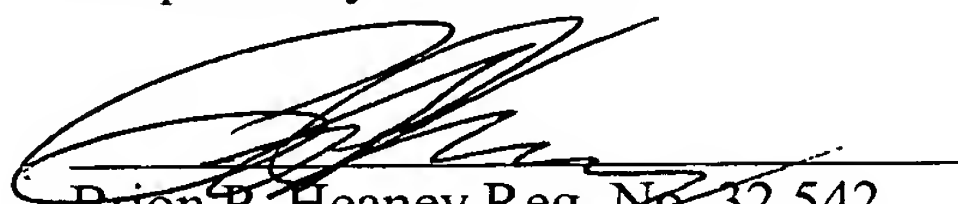
Election

In response to the Restriction Requirement of July 23, 2003, applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-34 and 37-39, drawn to a multilayer film. The Restriction is, however, traversed below. In addition, applicants select as the elected species embodiments wherein at least the first two layers are coextruded and the remaining layers are layered separately.

Method claims 34 and 35 are merely directed to a method of making a multilayer film according to elected claim 1. The relevant documents to be searched for the examination of Group I will necessarily contain descriptions of how to make the products involved in order to be enabling references. Thus, the search require for Group I will encompass the search require for Group II. Thus, no serious burden is imposed by examining method claims 34 and 35 with the remaining elected claims. See, e.g., MPEP §803. Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement and examination of all pending claims is respectfully requested.

In any event, upon determination of allowable subject matter of Group I, applicants' request rejoinder of the method claims pursuant to MPEP §821.04.

Respectfully submitted,



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